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SUBJECT / OBJET:	RSAT REPORT (OP IMPACT)
DRAFTER/ SOURCE:	LCdr Christian Nadeau, J4 Ammo, RSAT TL

SIGNATORY / SIGNATAIRE	REMARKS / EXPLANATIONS REMARQUES / EXPLICATIONS
DP Matsalla, LCol J4 <u>16 Nov 2016</u> Date	Sir, For your signature is the TF RSAT report, addressed by the RSAT TL to the commander, with recommendations to improve theatre asset control and visibility. Also included is a cover letter for the commander's signature, issuing direction to his TFCs to implement the recommendations in the enclosed report. The report was compiled with info from rep of J1/J4/J6/J8
COMD D. Conley, Col Chief of Staff Date	
J4 M.N. Rouleau, MGen Comd Date	

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ROTATION STAFF ASSISTANCE TEAM REPORT <u>TF-</u> OP IMPACT (ERBIL, IRAQ)

 1.
 CANSOFCOM deployed a Rotation Staff Assistance Team (RSAT) to ERBIL

 from
 in order to support Task Force (TF)
 transfer of command

 authority (TOCA) from Rotation
 to Rotation
 The team was comprised of members

 from J1, J4, J6, and J8
 Following the

 inspection in ERBIL,

OBJECTIVE

2. The primary objective of the RSAT was to conduct an external assessment of TF finances, procurement and materiel governance, ammunition and explosives safety/management, communication infrastructures, and personnel administration. The secondary objective was to facilitate the transition of support responsibilities from the outgoing to the incoming Task Force Commander (TFC).

TASKS AND METHODOLOGY

3. The team accomplished the tasks outlined in Table 1.

OPI	OBJECTIVES
J1	Review Task Force Standing Orders (TFSOs)
	Review Joining Instructions
	Review Central Registry and DSCDS Procedures
	Review Orderly Room (OR) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
	Review various Personnel Administrative processes
	Review various mission specific processes
J4 Ammo	Review Ammunition & Explosives (A&E) process and safety program
J4 Sup	Verify TF
J6	Verify Infrastructure Inside Plant (ISP) process/items
	Verify Infrastructure Outside Plant (OSP) process/items

Table 1 – Office of Prim	ary Interest (OPI) and Objectives

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	Conduct Tactical Infrastructure (TI) site survey
J8	Conduct Command Comptroller Inspection (CCI)

SUMMARY

3. Representatives from J1, J4, J6, and J8 completed their tasks, and the results and recommendations are included as annexes to this document. Following is a summary of the highlights:

- a. <u>Annex A J1</u>. A few minor errors and inconsistencies were noted in the personnel administration. These can be addressed by creating a single point of contact (POC) between the TF and updating appropriate SOPs.
- b. <u>Annex B J4</u>. 100% stocktaking of the theatre accounts was conducted on the following theatre accounts: A0A4 Ammo, A05X Odd, A05Z Sustainment, 002E Odd, A08L Sustainment, A02B Odd and A068 Sustainment. The following was noted:
 - i. <u>Communications</u>. The AS00TF Comms account could not verified due to a lack of expertise; as such a TAV was recommended to resolve the material management issues with this as identified by the TF. This TAV has since verified 100% of the TF Comms following departure of the RSAT.

ii. Deploye	It is recommended that	be created for
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increased management of the TF Comms account.

Annex D - J6. The J6 representative identified the various processes. As part of the survey,

d. <u>Annex E - J8</u>. Following the Command Comptroller Inspection (CCI), all financial risk identified during the RSAT have been identified as LOW.

4. Finally, the Command J4 Ammo revised the TF Ammunition and Explosives Safety Program (AESP) and revised an Ammunition and Explosives Risk Assessment Safety Case (AERASC) for ammunition stored on the camp. Both documents were awaiting TFC signatures at the RSAT completion. A modified Ammunition and

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Explosives Safety Inspection (AESI)/Survey (AESS) was conducted, and no safety concerned were raised.

RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS

5. The RSAT has not identified any major areas of concern. The main recommendations are:

- a. Establishing single POCs for communications between and the TF to ensure seamless personnel administration;
- b. с.

6. It is my recommendation that an RSAT be conducted before the end of every rotation as per Commander's Directive 09-07, Operational Support Visit. With the possibility of the mission coming to an end in the next few rotations, the importance of maintaining positive control and visibility over all assets is crucial.

7. For your consideration, Sir.

Christian Nadeau Lieutenant-Commander, RSAT Team Leader Distribution List

Annexes:

Annex A – J1 Observations/Comments

Annex B – J4 Observations/Recommendations

Annex C – J4 Checklist

Annex D – J6 Observations/Comments

Annex E – J8 Observations/Comments

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PROCESS	OBSERVATIONS	ASMNT	NISK STRAT	RECOMMENDATIONS
DEPLOYMENT PROCESSESS				
CDIO 1000 Series <u>Task Force Standing Orders</u> Review and ensure at a minimum TFSOs contain the following: Table of Contents, Cover Letter signed off by TF Comd, Casualty Admin, Repatriation/Replacements, Leave, Alcohol Policy, Personal Relationships, Harassment Advisors, Welfare Communications, and Honours and Awards	Task Force Op Order are drafted for each ROTO with all the pertinent information and the		Action	From discussion CANSOFCOM. Whoever is selected should spend more time with the previous in order to discuss any lesson learned and iron out any issues that might arise prior to deploying. One POC could be established in order to rely on once deployed to facilitate and minimize waiting period.
CDIO 1.3-3.E & CDIO 3.4-10 Review Joining Instructions Ensure instructions comply with compensation and benefits for mission.	Document was reviewed and confirm the TF has the most recent revision dated 3 June 2016		N/A	
<u>What is the effective date of the latest revision?</u> <u>Central Registry Procedures</u> Message Correspondence and IM Requirements	All original correspondence are kept in the filling cabinet and copies		Action	Procedures can be a little confusing especially when dealing Communication is key and a POC needs to be identified early on to minimize any unforseen issues.
Defence Subject Classification and Disposition System (DSCDS) Records Management & Disposal Operational files to be archived.			Action	Operation files are to be archived for a minimum of 10 yrs, therefore.

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ANNEX A - J1

PROCESS	OBSERVATIONS	ASMNT	RISK STRAT	RECOMMENDATIONS
Orderly Room SOPs Confirm that SOPs are being maintained and that clarification emails are included in handovers.	No SOP's currently in place		Action	
ETA/MOT Messages. Ensure messages are being sent in a timely manner (7 - 14 days in advance). Ensure proper addressees are included	No ETA/MOT message being drafted; they are only using the ATT Post message.		Action	ETA msgs are to track members arrival and departure in order to keep ATT Post message serves to capture members belonging for only a period of time, therefore, I would recommend ETA/MOT msgs to be completed accordingly.
CBI 10.2.05(4) (MFSI) Administration of personnel on TAVs and SAVs ID cards, transportation requirements, etc. Temporary Duty (usually in theatre under 14 days) - Entitled to Risk Allowance can be administered Entry is done directly in CCPS (not on a CF52 even if tax relief is appl).	has a good system in place for tracking all TAV and SAVand continuously keeps updating it as members arrive and depart.		N/A	

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PROCESS	OBSERVATIONS	ASMNT	RISK STRAT	RECOMMENDATIONS
MHRRP (APM 245) CHAP 23 Deployment Files			Action	Regardless of whom the selected should be given access in order to facilitate their work and reduce any additional work and minimize efforts so they can concentrate on more pressing issues. At a minimum members arriving in theatre should hand carry a CURRENT NOK form.
CDIO 1.3-3.1 Media Photos			Action	
CDIO 1.2-9.B & MHRRP (APM 245) Chap 23 <u>Attached Posting Start/Arrival MessagesArrival Messages (posted pers only)</u> Review MPRRs/HRMS to ensure all members have been attached posted to the operation and correct position number (mandatory). Confirm that members were attached posted to correct UIC	Messages are drafted for all members, however, within the Command process them the same.		Action	